



# Alexander Hosea Primary School

*'Roots to grow, wings to fly'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the government's announcement this evening about school closures, I can confirm that Alexander Hosea Primary will be **closed from Monday next week** for the vast majority of children, for the foreseeable future. In order to support the government strategy to minimise the spread of the coronavirus, from next Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> March), we will be open for the following only:

- children who do not have a parent or carer at home to look after them **because both parents/carers are key workers**, e.g. NHS staff, police and supermarket delivery workers (a full list is due to be published by the government tomorrow)
- vulnerable children, such as those who have an EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan)
- children who have some involvement with Social Care

To assist with our planning, we urgently need to ascertain numbers. If you need to send your child to school because of the reasons above then please email us **by 3pm today** on the school email address.

In the email please state:

- Your child's first name & surname
- Class
- Which days they would need to be in school in the next two weeks
- Explicit reasons why your child needs to be in school (related to the criteria above)

There will be no after school clubs running from next Monday.

Alexander Hosea staff are committed to ensuring that we can remain open for these priority children and that we can provide education to the majority of children working at home. Your co-operation is really important in terms of only sending your child to school if you have to and for the reasons above, and in supporting your child's learning at home.

We will be continuing to send further information about learning at home as the weeks go by. Teachers will send home by email home learning lists and subject leaders will send home some further ideas that you may wish to access linked to individual subjects. If your child does need to be in school, we will use the same home learning lists as those at home and will balance this with a variety of play and creative opportunities.

This closure is for the foreseeable future. Staff will be available via email and the school office will be manned for parts of the day to pick up telephone messages and emails, so if you have any concerns during the coming weeks ahead, please do get in touch.

For those children eligible for free school meals, who will not be attending school, we understand that the government is developing a national voucher scheme. If you are at all concerned about your circumstances in the meantime, please contact the school and we will see what we can find out for you.

You will also note that all statutory testing (SATs etc.) is cancelled for this academic year.

These are challenging time for us all, but I know that with mutual support we can continue to do the very best for the children of Alexander Hosea. We wish you all the very best in the coming weeks and months and hope that you and your loved ones stay safe. We look forward to all being back together again with you all later in the year.

Kindest regards,

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